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1. SECOND MEETING (1977) OF COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES TOOK PLACE
AT CENTO HQ ON APRIL 18, 1977, AT WHICH FOLLOWING ACTIONS
WERE TAKEN:

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CD/77/A2): APPROVED.

3. APPROVAL OF RECORD (CD/77/R1): APPROVED.

4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL (NRO)(CD/77/D9):
COUNCIL APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. AMIR-HOLAKOO AMIR-
DIBADJI TORKESTANI (SURNAME: DIBADJI) OF IRAN, REPLACING
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BRIGADIER GENERAL M. MOKRI. ACCORDING CURRICULUM VITAE,
DIBADJI WAS BORN IN 1922 IN TABRIZ, RECEIVED DOCTOR OF LAW
DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF PARIS, AND HAS HAD CAREER IN
DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. (NOTE: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
ANY ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY TEHRAN
MAY HAVE ON DIBADJI.)

5. COMMENCEMENT OF WORK BY AUDIT PARTY IN ANKARA: COUNCIL APPROVED RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY SECRETARY-GENERAL AUTHORIZING AUDIT OF 1975-76 ACCOUNTS BY MULTINATIONAL TEAM. (FYI, FSR GARRISON OF S/IG IS PARTICIPATING IN AUDIT OF CENTO ACCOUNTS.)

6. UPGRADATION OF THE POST OF ASSISTANCE SECRETARY, CMPS, FROM GRADE VI TO GRADE VII (CD/77/D7): COUNCIL APPROVED RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS: "NOTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, (COUNCIL) APPROVES THE UPGRADATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CMPS FROM GRADE VI TO GRADE VII WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN SALARY AND ALLOWANCES." UPGRADING OF THIS POST IS CONSONANT WITH COUNCIL ACTION JAN. 31 TO UPGRADE SIX NRO AND ONE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION POSTS SO THAT INCUMBENTS COULD QUALIFY FOR DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES UNDER TERMS OF CENTO-HOST GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT (SEE PARA 7 REFTEL). IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY U.S. DEPUTY, SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ADDITIONAL POSTS WHICH MIGHT BE UPGRADED FOR THIS REASON, AND THAT OVERALL GRADE STRUCTURE OF SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY REORGANIZATION WORKING GROUP (RWG). RWG PROPOSALS, SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID, ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES IN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE.

7. DATES FOR 24TH SESSION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS: SECRETARY-GENERAL CONFIRMED THAT ALL MEMBER NATIONS HAVE AGREED TO MAY 14-15 FOR TEHRAN MINISTERIAL AND THAT STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 1000 HOURS, FRIDAY, MAY 13. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. COUNCIL APPROVED WORK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAM FOR STEERING COMMITTEE AS CONTAINED IN PARA 2 OF ANKARA 2390. REGARDING DRAFT AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAM FOR MINISTERIAL SESSIONS MAY 14-15, SECRETARIAT PLANS TO ISSUE REVISED SCHEDULES DEPENDING ON TRAVEL PLANS OF SECRETARY VANCE. (IRANIAN DEPUTY HAD SAID AT COUNCIL MEETING THAT HE LEARNED FROM TEHRAN THAT SECRETARY MAY DEPART AFTERNOON MAY 14, BUT WE UNDERSTAND SECRETARY IN FACT PLANS TO BE IN TEHRAN MOST OF MAY 13 AND ALL DAY MAY 14, DEPARTING MORNING MAY 15. WE HAVE NOTIFIED SECRETARIAT TO THIS EFFECT.) ADDITIONALLY, FOLLOWING SOCIAL EVENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN CALENDAR: MAY 14, 1200 HOURS - AUDIENCE AND LUNCH WITH SHAH; MAY 14, EARLY EVENING BEFORE IRANIAN FONMIN'S DINNER - RECEPTION BY SECRETARY-GENERAL BAYULKEN; MAY 14, 2030 HOURS - BLACK TIE DINNER BY IRANIAN FONMIN KHALATBARY. ACCORDING TO IRANIAN DEPUTY, AUDIENCE WITH SHAH WILL BE FOR MINISTERS AND SECRETARY-GENERAL ONLY; DEPUTIES AND PERHAPS RESIDENT AMBASSADORS WILL BE INCLUDED IN LUNCH WITH SHAH; AND MINISTERS, DEPUTIES AND RESIDENT AMBASSADORS WILL BE INVITED TO FONMIN'S DINNER.

8. SECRETARY-GENERAL BAYULKEN'S ANNUAL VISITS TO CENTO
CAPITALS, MARCH-APRIL 1977: SECRETARY-GENERAL BAYULKEN
SUMMARIZED HIS ANNUAL ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) CENTO BUDGET: BAYULKEN SAID THAT HE WELCOMED SUPPORT OF
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR 1976-77 BUDGET AND THAT HE PLANS TO
SUBMIT PROPOSED TARGET FIGURES FOR 1977-78 BUDGET TO STEERING
COMMITTEE AT TIME OF MINISTERIAL SO THAT BUDGET CAN BE
APPROVED BY OCTOBER 1 (BEGINNING OF CENTO'S FISCAL YEAR).
HE ALSO SAID MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SUPPORT MODEST INCREASES IN
MULTILATERAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION FUND (MTCF) AND MULTI-
LATERAL SCIENTIFIC FUND (MSF) WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN
REAL VALUE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDED UNDER THESE PROGRAMS
(SEE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR MINISTERIAL, SEPTEL). ALSO, HE
SAID MEMBER GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC PROGRAM
PRIORITIES ADOPTED BY ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DURING MEETING IN
ISLAMABAD MARCH 19-21 (SEE PARA 7, DOCUMENT C/24/D3).
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(B) CENTO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: BAYULKEN SAID HE ASKED FOR SUPPORT OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR "ON OR TWO IMPORTANT PROJECTS" THAT FALL WITHIN CENTO ECONOMIC PRIORITIES. HE ASKED FOR U.S. AND UK TO "VIEW WITH SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING" THE NEED FOR "TANGIBLE" CENTO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND HE REQUESTED THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP VIABLE PROJECT PROPOSALS. BAYULKEN SAID THE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING BY INTERNATIONAL LENDING ORGANIZATIONS WOULD ALSO BE INVESTIGATED.

(C) INFORMATION AND CULTURE: BAYULKEN SAID MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WELCOMED CENTO'S INFORMATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

(D) POLITICAL GUIDANCE: BAYULKEN SAID THAT HE IS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON THE DRAFT POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER AND THAT ONLY 5 OR 6 MAIN ARTICLES REMAIN TO BE NEGOTIATED (SEE ANKARA 2737 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS). SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID THAT HE WILL ASK COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION GIVING COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER (TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION SENT SEPTEL). BAYULKEN ALSO SAID IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WIND UP THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER BEFORE THE END OF JUNE.

(E) SITUATION PAPER: BAYULKEN SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL PROPOSE "A FEW FACTUAL CHANGES" (SUCH AS A REFERENCE TO IRAN'S IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH IRAQ) BUT THAT THESE CHANGES SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT OPEN UP THE BALANCE OF THE SITUATION PAPER TO REVISION. HE NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES ALWAYS HAS THE OPTION TO REVIEW THE SITUATION PAPER ROUTINELY BUT, IN ANY EVENT, THE DEPUTIES IN HIS VIEW SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF "GREAT DIMENSIONS" UNTIL THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER IS ADOPTED.

(F) STATE OF THE ALLIANCE: BAYULKEN STATED THAT HE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE AND THAT GREATER SUPPORT IS NEEDED FROM MEMBER NATIONS. NOTING THAT THERE WAS KEEN INTEREST IN EVERY CAPITAL IN PRESERVING THE ALLIANCE, BAYULKEN SAID THAT HE PARTICULARLY FOUND UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FROM THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID HE IS CONSIDERING WAYS TO REMEDY THE WEAKNESSES OF THE ALLIANCE, ESPECIALLY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE NON-NATO MEMBERS (IRAN AND PAKISTAN), AND THAT HE PLANS TO PUT FORTH SOME SUGGESTIONS INFORMALLY. HE SAID HE HOPES TO HAVE "TALKING PAPER" ON THIS SUBJECT READY FOR CIRCULATION TO DEPUTIES SOON.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

(A) SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID THAT REORGANIZATION WORKING GROUP WOULD, IN CONNECTION WITH ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE SECRE-

TARIAT STRUCTURE, ALSO CONSIDER "PERKS" FOR GRADED AND NON-GRADED STAFF.

(B) NOTING THAT TURKISH LIRA WAS RECENTLY DEVALUED TO TL 17.50 TO US \$1.00, SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID THAT THE SAVINGS REALIZED, BARRING ANOTHER AND UNFAVORABLE CURRENCY REVALUATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD BE RETURNED TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

(C) TEXTS OF THREE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR TEHRAN MINISTERIAL WERE DISTRIBUTED (SEPTEL).

(D) SECRETARY-GENERAL BAYULKEN NOTED THE FORTHCOMING DEPARTURES OF BOTH THE U.S. AND UK DEPUTIES.

10. NEXT MEETING: THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID THAT ANOTHER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE TEHRAN MINISTERIAL. DEPUTIES, THEREFORE, WILL CONVENE ON MAY 13 IN TEHRAN AS THE STEERING COMMITTEE. MACOMBER

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